

ALWYN COURT HIT BY FIRE

TOP FLOORS OF NEW APARTMENT HOUSE ARE WRECKED

Estimated cost \$1,500,000 (cheapest)
Rent \$6,500. Highest \$22,000 One
Person Hurt Damage \$100,000
Live Wire Near Repairs Probable Cause

Fire wrecked the upper floors of the thirteen-story Alwyn Court apartment house on the southeast corner of Fifty-eighth street and Seventh avenue last night. The rest of the building was flooded with water and the furnishings were ruined. The building had been but recently completed and contained but six families. The loss was estimated at not more than \$100,000.

Alwyn Court was opened for inspection last October and tenants began moving in early in the winter. The advertisements of this million and a half dollar building called it "the finest residential building in the world."

Its construction was said to be fireproof, according to the latest ideas of builders. The Hadden Construction Company put up the building. The building is owned by the Fifty-eighth Street and Seventh Avenue Corporation, in which are interested Charles H. Hadden, Alwyn Bell, Jr., Frank Hughes, William McKenzie and Anna L. Prescott.

There are no small apartments in the building. Its suites range from four-room suites and five baths to thirty-four rooms and nine baths. The yearly rentals of these apartments are from \$6,500 to \$22,000.

The fire was discovered at about 10 o'clock by a passerby who saw flames shooting from a window on the Fifty-seventh street side of the ninth floor. He notified Patrick McMahon, the night doorman. McMahon shouted to Edward King, who was on the telephone switchboard, and another employee, Robert Casson. The three of them started up in the elevator.

The apartment in which the fire started was rented by Jacob Wertheim, president of the United Light Manufacturers. Mr. Wertheim had found his apartment on the eleventh floor, too small for his purposes and had taken the apartments immediately below his own, and of the same size, on the tenth and the ninth floors. Workmen had been engaged for the last two or three weeks connecting these apartments into a sort of three storied house within the big apartment building.

It is supposed that these workmen left bare a live electric wire on the ninth floor and that this wire caused the fire. The building operations on these two lower apartments of Mr. Wertheim left enough inflammable material about to give the fire a good start, while the openings which had been made between the floors furnished to the fire an opportunity to run up to the eleventh floor without obstruction.

Mr. Wertheim was out at the time the fire was discovered. In his apartment were only a nurse and the two Wertheim babies, aged 2 and 4 years.

McMahon, King and Casson stopped their elevator at the eleventh floor and kicked at the door of the Wertheim apartment to sound a warning. They found the nurse with the children in her arms, making for the door through a haze of smoke.

She was hurried to the elevator, and with the two children was dropped to the first floor and taken across the street to the Central Park apartments, where friends of the Wertheims took charge of her and the babies. No one of the three suffered from the experience.

While McMahon was taking care of the nurse and children, Casson and King ran an elevator up to the twelfth floor, from which a stairway leads to the servants' quarters on the thirteenth and top floor. There were about twelve servants, men and women, on this floor. They had already begun running down the stairs and it took some time to locate them all, pick them off the various floors and make certain that none had stayed into danger.

So far as could be learned, none of the tenants was in the building when the fire started. Most of them were at the opera or theatre.

The fire did most of its damage on the upper three floors, with more or less on the ninth and tenth. It did not go below the ninth floor, but so much water was poured into the lower apartments when the engines got to work that they were rendered uninhabitable.

Battalion Chief Terpeny was the first fireman on the job. There is an engine company within a block in West Fifty-eighth street, and Terpeny got a water tower going within a few minutes. He also made use of the standpipe of the building. The fire zigzagged upward to the top floor, spreading itself over each floor, but staying within the limits of the building until it reached the eleventh floor. There it mushroomed out of the windows on the Fifty-eighth street side and leaked off some of the cornices. These chunks of stone dropped to the street and splattered among the crowd. The police did not fear that anybody was hurt.

The only person hurt was Alice Nugent, a servant who fell down a flight of stairs and sprained her ankle. She was taken to Flower Hospital.

Among the other tenants in the building was Mrs. Henry J. Braker, the widow of J. M. Morse's former partner, William H. Gishen, her son Walter Gishen, and her two daughters, Madeleine and R. Cornelia Gishen. Their apartments were on the twelfth floor, but none of them was at home at the time of the fire.

At the front of the building little flames were seen. When Chief Croker came on the second alarm sent by Battalion Chief Terpeny he had the pressure on the water tower run up until it showed 150 pounds and the streams darted up clear over the roof of the building. This tower and the standpipe attached to the building were the chief dependencies of the

FINAL DECREE TO MRS. ASTOR

NO MENTION OF ALIMONY: SAID TO BE \$300,000 A YEAR.

The wife to resume her maiden name and to have the care of the daughter. Husband will not remain in her life and will have son in his charge.

By the terms of a final decree of divorce which Justice Mills in the Supreme Court at White Plains granted yesterday morning to Mrs. Alva Willing Astor from her husband, Col. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Astor has the custody of their daughter, Alice Muriel, while Col. Astor retains charge of their son, Vincent.

The decree is in the usual form and contains no mention of alimony. It is said that Mrs. Astor and her husband reached an agreement on this point before the suit was commenced. One report was that she is to have an income of \$350,000 a year and to retain the fortune that was settled upon her at the time of her marriage in lieu of dower rights.

The court was crowded with spectators, as many persons thought that Mrs. Astor might be there. She is in Europe.

It was the fourth case on the calendar of the Special Term, which Justice Mills convened at 10 o'clock. At 10:15 Lawyer Hugh Bayne of the firm of Strong & Cadwalader moved for the confirmation of the interlocutory decree which Judge Mills granted to Mrs. Astor at New City in Rockland county on November 8 last.

Mr. Bayne told the court that he had affidavits from a clerk in the office of Strong & Cadwalader and the Clerk of Dutchess county that an interlocutory decree had been granted on November 8 and filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's office in November. He then went on to say that the necessary three months which must elapse before a final judgment can be granted expired on February 10, 1910, and that the thirty days extra allowed by statute thereafter within which the final decree must be applied for will not be up until March 12. He then moved for a final decree and said that a notice of the motion together with a copy of the form of the order had been served on the defendant's attorneys.

Commander Lewis Cass Ledyard, representing Col. Astor, then arose and said: "The proposed form of final decree conforms with the provisions of the final judgment." The papers were then handed up to Justice Mills, and the lawyer for Mrs. Astor expected that he would sign them immediately, but instead he said he would look them over and sign them before he left the bench.

The lawyer was forced to wait until 11:25, when Justice Mills affixed his signature and gave the final decree to Mr. Bayne, who placed it in his inside pocket. He would not show it to the reporters, but he did say that it would be seen when he filed it in the Dutchess County Clerk's office at Poughkeepsie. "I expect to start for Poughkeepsie immediately."

There was a surprise for the lawyers when they examined the judgment, as Justice Mills had determined that there would be no secrecy about the Astor matter any longer, for he endorsed on the paper these words:

"The Clerk of Dutchess county is hereby ordered not to seal the above final judgment." (Signed) J. N. MILLS, J. S. C.

Lawyer Bayne was asked if the decree contained any monetary stipulation, and all he would say was: "I don't want to talk about the case. It is the only safe way to do so."

The lawyers connected with the case maintained great secrecy and could not say a word about it until settlement which Col. Astor had made upon his wife's "commendore Ledyard" would simply say: "I don't talk about private affairs."

The judgment, among other things, provides that Mrs. Astor shall resume her maiden name and that she can remarry again as though her husband were dead. Mr. Astor cannot marry again as long as his wife lives.

Poughkeepsie, March 4. The final decree awarding to Mrs. Alva I. Willing Astor an absolute divorce from her husband John Jacob Astor was filed this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the office of the clerk of Dutchess county. By a special stipulation endorsed by Justice Mills in his own handwriting the clerk was ordered not to seal the final decree. There is no mention of alimony in the papers.

In regarding the custody of the children the decree stipulates that while the defendant shall have the custody of William Vincent Astor, the plaintiff shall be permitted to see him at all reasonable times, particularly in case of illness, and shall consult and advise as to his education. It is also ordered that the son be permitted to visit his mother at least a month in each year.

The custody of the daughter, Alice Muriel, is awarded to the plaintiff with the stipulation that the defendant shall be permitted to see her at reasonable times and to consult and advise as to her education and that she be permitted to visit her father from time to time.

COUNTRESS TRIAL ON

Venue Grand Jurors Hear and Other Prisoners in Court.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. VENICE, March 4.—The trial of Countess Maria Tarnowski, Dr. Naumoff, Lawyer Prilikoff and Elise Perier, the Countess's maid, for the murder of Count Komarowski in September, 1907, opened here to-day. It is causing great excitement among the Venetians.

The main interest is in Countess Tarnowski, whose passage in a gondola from the prison to the Assise Court attracted immense crowds afloat and ashore. Hundreds of gondolas and launches filled with curious sightseers were along the route. Bizarre epithets were continually shouted at the prisoners. The court room was merely formal.

The prosecution charges that in order to obtain \$100,000, the amount of a life insurance policy taken out by Count Komarowski, who was one of the Countess's admirers, the latter got Dr. Naumoff, another admirer, to shoot Count Komarowski.

Prilikoff and the maid, it is alleged, were accomplices in the murder.

MAGISTRATES WANT TO KNOW

Who Among Them Is Suspected of Evil? They May Ask Mr. Elder to Tell Them.

Magistrate Barlow has called a special meeting of the Board of City Magistrates of the First division, comprising Manhattan and The Bronx, at the West Side court house on Fifty-fourth street this afternoon at 3 o'clock to discuss the recent statements of Assistant District Attorney Elder of Kings county reflecting on the character of some of the Magistrates.

Mr. Elder at the conclusion of the trial in Brooklyn of Magistrate Furlong, who was convicted of having agreed to accept a bribe, declared that during the progress of the trial he had received letters accusing another Brooklyn Magistrate and two Manhattan Magistrates of similar practices.

He said he would investigate the charge against the Brooklyn Magistrate and send the letters concerning the Manhattan Magistrates to District Attorney Whitman.

The Board of Magistrates will probably ask Mr. Elder for the names of the accused New York Magistrates.

HEINZE, TOO MUCH INDICTED.

Judge Hough Wary of Hearing Arguments on Demurrer.

That the Criminal Branch of the United States Circuit Court is growing weary of hearing arguments on indictments against Fritz Augustus Heinze was made apparent yesterday by Judge Hough's remark from the bench that he had "intimated several times that about enough indictments had been found against this man."

The occasion was the arraignment of Heinze on the indictment found on Thursday on the old charge of misapplying the funds of the Mercantile National Bank. A tentative plea of not guilty was entered.

Mr. Stanchfield, Heinze's counsel, asked to set a date to hear argument on demurrer.

"I don't see why I should set a date for argument," said Judge Hough testily. "A date for trial has already been set down for next Monday."

"Yes, your Honor," interposed Assistant United States Attorney Frankfurter, "but that is on an earlier indictment."

"So I read in the newspapers yesterday," replied the Court. "I have all the work now I can attend to and I will refer this case to Judge Holt. I have intimated several times that about enough indictments have been brought against this man and I don't see why I should hear any more arguments."

The plea was accordingly made tentative until Monday, when Judge Holt will hear further pleading and set a date for argument on demurrer if such action is taken.

POISON ON PREACHER'S ROLLS.

Analysis Shows That Each Held Enough to Kill Four Persons.

Chemical analysis Dr. Raymond F. Fitzgerald of the State Laboratory of Hygiene declared to-day that there was enough white arsenic found on each of a dozen rolls submitted to him for investigation to kill four persons. The rolls were sent here by the Irvington Board of Health after they had been delivered at the home of the Rev. A. J. Voeglin, pastor of the Manhattan Park Presbyterian Church at Irvington.

An inspector from the State Board of Health who visited Irvington learned that the Rev. Mr. Voeglin suspects a wife formerly in his congregation whose wife came to the minister for advice after a quarrel with her husband. Mr. Voeglin advised her to return to her husband and effect a reconciliation, but she did not do this and it is said that the husband suspected the minister of having advised her to stay away from him.

The baker left the rolls on the back porch of the minister's house a week ago before any one was up. When they appeared on the table they were covered with a white powder which was supposed to be powdered sugar until the minister noted its peculiar appearance. No one ate any of the rolls.

CONVICT WOMAN HOTEL BEAT.

Myrtle B. Baddour Had Worked the Game Successfully in Three Cities.

Myrtle B. Baddour, who is said to owe bills to hotels in New York, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia was convicted in Special Sessions yesterday of beating the Broadway Central Hotel out of \$5 last June. Peter A. Rogers, clerk of the Grand Union, testified that June 19, the day she went to the Broadway Central with her children, was the day she left his hotel leaving an unpaid bill of \$5.

According to Miss Coleman, the court probation officer, who had Myrtle Baddour placed in a home in Brooklyn in August of last year, the charity organizations of these boroughs have had the woman under observation since 1902.

The children, who have been important factors in her scheme—for children require maids, and a person with such a retinue does not usually beat bills—were taken from her recently by a Philadelphia Magistrate. The woman was remanded for sentence.

CAPT. JAS. W. SMITH'S WIFE SUES

Asks Divorce on Ground of Desertion and Failure to Support.

Reno, Nev., March 4.—Mrs. Louise F. Smith filed a divorce suit here to-day against her husband, Capt. James W. Smith, surgeon, United States Army, stationed in the Philippines, but now travelling for pleasure in Europe.

She declares that her husband, to whom she was married in Casville, Wis., in June, 1895, had failed to provide for her since March, 1904, when he left her at Cebu, P. I., and went to Europe, being now in Vienna, Austria. She wants her maiden name, Louise French, restored, but asks no alimony. No children or property rights are involved.

No Hope Now for the Prince Willem II.

Hope for the safety of the Royal Dutch West India steamship Prince Willem II, which sailed from Amsterdam for this port by the way of Venezuela and Dutch Guiana on January 21, has been given up. She was due at Paramaribo on February 8. She carried fifteen cabin passengers and had a crew of thirty-eight under command of Capt. J. W. Van Slooten. It is believed that she foundered in heavy weather.

CARUSO BLACK HAND ARRESTS

TWO MEN HELD FOR THREATENING THE TENOR.

Demands for \$15,000 Accompanied by a Suggestion of Public Assassination. One Attempt to Trap the Writers. Fails—Strange Man Asks for Caruso.

Charged with being suspicious persons and suspected of being implicated in sending threatening letters to Enrico Caruso, the Metropolitan Opera House tenor, Antonio Cincotta, 41 years old, a saloon keeper of 117 Columbia street, Brooklyn, with a saloon at 185 Columbia street, and Antonio Misiani, 31 years old, an importer of wines and groceries at 115 Columbia street, were arrested last night at Degraw and Van Brunt street, Brooklyn, and locked up at police headquarters.

The arrests were made by Lieut. Glosier of the Italian bureau and four of his men, who went to Brooklyn to watch for the men at half past 9.

According to the letter received by Caruso, the men had demanded that the money, \$15,000, be put in an envelope and placed under the stoop of a factory at Van Brunt and Sackett streets at 11 o'clock. One of the detectives with a messenger from Caruso went to the place at twenty minutes before 11 with a large envelope containing two dollars and a roll of paper, which he put under the stoop.

Glosier and two of the lieutenants concealed themselves in the factory while the other two waited outside in a shadow. Misiani came along first. He went as far as the corner of Van Brunt street and looked toward the package, but did not stop. Then he went back to Union street. Cincotta was waiting there with a third man.

Finally Misiani came back, another man accompanying him this time. They stopped and Misiani was bending over to reach for the package when Cincotta stole up and urged him to flee.

When Misiani started to run around the corner he made a motion to throw away a twelve gauge sawed off shotgun with a barrel eighteen or twenty inches long. Cincotta ran into a saloon, where Glosier and his men caught him.

Simone and Serivani, the two detectives who were on the outside, ran after Misiani, caught him just as he dropped the gun and was trying to pull a revolver from his pocket.

Both men arrested are known to the police. Cincotta's saloon was a resort of the Lupo gang. The police say that Cincotta has been twice arrested on murder charges and twice acquitted, and that Misiani has been in trouble for a confidence game.

The first of the letters was received by Caruso on Thursday morning. It was written in Italian, and in it the singer was required to put \$15,000 in bills in his pocket.

Hand him the money," the letter continued, "and you will not be molested."

When Caruso received the letter he telephoned for the hotel manager. The latter immediately communicated with Inspector McCluskey, in whose territory the Knickerbocker is, and he assigned two detectives to work upon the case. Upon their instructions the singer put a size in his coat pocket of the shape and size of \$15,000 real money, and in the afternoon he took the air in Forty-second street with the detectives in his wake.

Whether or not the latter stuck too closely to their charge, the fact was that, nothing happened at that afternoon. But yesterday morning came a second letter, written in the same hand as the first. The writer spoke of seeing Caruso on the street the day before followed by two policemen and warned him not to try to fool him, the writer again. "I mean business," the letter continued, and it proceeded to demonstrate it by saying that for that Caruso must now proceed to a place in Brooklyn with a bag containing \$15,000.

"If you don't do as I say," the letter went on, "the Black Hand will get you on the street, in your room on the stage of the Metropolitan or anywhere you may be."

This second letter made the tenor hit the ceiling. It was immediately turned over to Inspector McCluskey, and he decided that the affair was really serious, telephoned to the detective bureau at Police Headquarters and asked that two Italian speaking detectives be assigned to the case.

Some friends of the singer tried to persuade him that the letter was the work of a joker, but Caruso would not have it that way. He absolutely refused, however, to go to Brooklyn. He also hesitated about taking the \$15,000 anywhere, even if only to catch his foe or foes.

Policeman Henry Hauck, who looks for things at the corner of the Knickerbocker, said that yesterday about noon he was approached by a tall, swarthy, smooth faced man with long black hair who asked him where he could find Caruso. The man was about 5 feet 8 inches in height, weighed about 160 pounds and wore a brown derby and a brown overcoat. Hauck directed him around to the servants' entrance in Forty-first street, but he soon came back much offended and said he wanted to find the front door to Caruso's abode.

BLIZZARD IN ALASKA.

Wires Close Down and Two Steamers Are Overdue.

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 4.—A blizzard has raged here for eight days, causing the mines to close down and every one to keep indoors. Small houses have been completely covered by snowdrifts. The Rubbert-Elliott mine has shut down.

The overland trail between Valdez and Fairbanks is closed. The Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Dora is overdue two days from Dutch Harbor and the steamer Elsie, carrying mail between Cordova and Valdez, also is overdue.

Find W. Seward Webb's Clothes in Street.

CHICAGO, March 4.—A trunk containing expensive wearing apparel believed to be the property of W. Seward Webb of New York was found in the street on North Street and Kinzie streets to-day. The lock was broken and the trunk was open. Among the garments was a waistcoat bearing the name "W. Seward Webb."

ARREST AL WOODS'S WIFE

For Driving Auto Too Fast—Diamond Studded Bag for Mail.

Mrs. Rose Woods, the wife of Al Woods, the theatrical manager, was arrested yesterday afternoon for speeding her automobile on Riverside Drive. The policeman who made the arrest said that Mrs. Woods was going at the rate of twenty miles an hour between 108th and 104th streets and that he was not able to catch up with her until she slowed down at Ninety-fifth street.

At the West 100th street police station when Mrs. Woods was told that bail for her appearance this morning in the West Side court would be \$100 she tossed a gold diamond studded handbag on the desk. It was accepted. At the Belmont, Eighty-sixth street and Broadway, where Al Woods and his wife live, Woods said last night that he paid \$4,000 for the bag.

JORDAN TO QUIT STANFORD.

Will Devote Time to Studying the Effects of War.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Dr. David Starr Jordan, who since the foundation of Stanford University in 1891 has been its president, will resign at the end of six years, take the benefit of the Carnegie Foundation fund and devote his attention to study.

For many years Dr. Jordan has spent as much time as his duties would permit in researches into the result of war upon the development of humanity. With \$4,000 a year which he will receive from the Carnegie fund he will have all his time to devote to research.

FIVE MODELS HELD UP.

Dressmakers of Lady Duff Gordon Allowed to Land After a Parley.

Five handsome young women who arrived last evening in the second cabin of the White Star liner Adriatic and who were on the list as the Misses Florence Crouch, Phyllis Francastelli, Emilio King and Elsie Longs and Mrs. Celia Rayna were held up temporarily by Boarding Officer McGregor of the immigration service because they had told conflicting stories about why they had come to New York.

A Miss Hopkins, who is in the dress-making business, boarded the ship and said she would take two of the young women and be responsible for them. Later when she found that the whole boy might be sent to Ellis Island she announced that she would take care of all. The young women themselves said on the pier that they had been permitted to land that they were dressmakers' models and that Lady Duff Gordon, who arrived last night at Quarantine aboard the Cunarder Guistana, had hired them and that they would show the American women how to wear their gowns.

Henry Savage Lander, who distinguishes himself in Tibet, and R. E. M. Bontemps, French professor of philosophy, who will lecture here under the auspices of the University of California, were also held up.

OLD MAN SHOOT'S FOUR.

North Carolina State Senator and Governor's Brother Among Them.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 4.—News reached Raleigh to-night that State Senator E. L. Travis of Halifax and Representative Paul Kitchin, a brother of Gov. Kitchin, had been shot at Scotland Neck, N. C., late this afternoon by E. K. Powell, a merchant there, also that he had shot the Sheriff of Halifax county and Chief of Police C. W. Dunn of Scotland Neck.

Powell escaped. He is more than 70 years of age. The shooting was caused by a quarrel between Powell and Senator Travis. Kitchin attempted to interfere, and the officers tried to stop the trouble. None of the wounded is expected to die.

FAIRBANKS AT COURT.

Ex-Vice-President and His Wife Presented to King and Queen.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. LONDON, March 4.—The King and Queen held their second court of the season to-day. It was smaller in point of the number of presentations, but the costumes were as beautiful and as elaborate as at the first court. High lace was much used for gowns, while shot silver and gold fabrics were in favor for trains.

The Queen again wore black, but white was the favorite color among her ladies. Countess Rendel, wife of the Russian Ambassador, a train of white, in the absence of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid as sponsor for the Americans who were making their first court.

Ex-Vice-President Fairbanks and his wife were presented in the diplomatic circle. Mrs. Fairbanks wore a white satin gown with pale blue velvet train. Her ornaments were pearls. Mrs. L. W. Fox of Philadelphia wore mauve and Miss Fox wore white satin. Mrs. M. Goudy of New York wore gray velvet. Miss H. Goudy wore white chiffon embroidered with silver. Miss Winslow of New York wore white satin and blue lace.

SUES FOR \$100,000.

H. W. Clark Alleges That William Fitzgerald Stole Wife's Affections.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Suit for \$100,000 for alienation of affections was filed in the Circuit Court here late to-day against William Fitzgerald of New York by H. W. Clark.

Fitzgerald is charged with having stolen the affections of Mrs. Clark. Suit for a decree of divorce from Mrs. Clark was also filed by Clark in which Fitzgerald is named as the correspondent.

INSCRIPTION BETRAYED HER.

Police Catch Servant Pawning Presentation Watch.

While rambling around the pawnshops on Sixth avenue yesterday afternoon Detective Price of the Police Headquarters staff observed a woman trying to dispose of a gold watch in a shop near Thirty-fifth street. He asked to have a look at the watch and after some hesitation the woman let him take it. In the back was the inscription: "Presented to Mr. Lord by Henry Day, October 18th, '73."

The woman could give no account of the inscription. After her arrest she said she was Mary Brown, a servant in the employ of Mrs. George Seymour of Far Rockaway. The detective informed Mrs. Seymour of the affair. Mrs. Seymour, who is the daughter of the late Franklin B. Lord, Sr., founder of the firm of Lord, Day & Lord, said that the watch was hers. Mary Brown is locked up in consequence.

BIG PHILADELPHIA STRIKE ON

LEADERS ISSUE FINAL ORDER, EFFECTIVE AT MIDNIGHT.

Forty Thousand Men Expected to Heralld Call to Work This Morning—Union Buses Say 100,000 Have Quit—Trouble Expected This Afternoon.

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, March 5.—The unions in sympathy with the car men struck at midnight.

Simultaneously it became known that every National Guard regiment in the State of Pennsylvania has received orders to be ready to entrain for Philadelphia at an hour's notice.

Gen. Henry Clay, head of the Philadelphia police force, denies it. It happens, however, to be true.

It seems probable that 40,000 men in a hundred different trades will not show up for work this morning. The labor leaders are shouting exultantly that 100,000 men have lined up with the striking motor-men and conductors. The police commanders make the figure less than 25,000. An impartial estimate is 40,000, a little more or a little less.

The outlook is ominous even to the most cheerful observers. So much bitterness has developed in the last few days that the people of Philadelphia are preparing for any kind of trouble.

An hour's walk in sections of the city such as Kensington where the feeling against the P. R. T. is most intense is sufficient for any one to understand what is smoldering. Kensington, where two-thirds of the union men live, will be the seat of trouble. The streets are crowded with strikers and their hangers-on. They spend part of their time in the corner saloons, the other part on the street corners cursing the non-union car crews.

The first disorder for several days occurred late last night in Frankford and Kensington. The Rapid Transit Company, which had run more than 1,000 cars in the daytime, kept over 900 in service up to midnight.

A dozen cars were stoned. Half a dozen persons were struck and injured. A man named William Drexler while resisting a policeman was shot in the stomach and probably fatally hurt. Crowds persisted in forming on the streets in these sections and were broken up with difficulty. The attitude of the crowds was ugly and vicious.

The police are preparing for riot at the very outset. The committee of ten of the Central Labor Union issued a call to all union men last night to assemble for a peaceable demonstration at 3 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon in Independence Square. The committee counts on 25,000 men attending the meeting.